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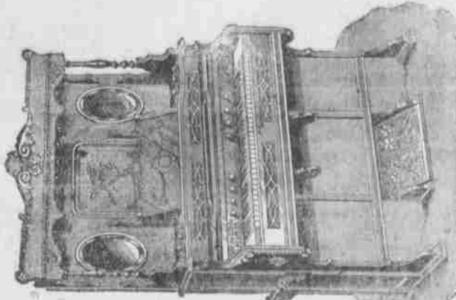
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Several Make of Pianos,
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\$250 to \$900.00.

J. P. Williams & Son, S. Main St.

CHRISTMAS WILL BE HERE

In a few days and gift-buyers will be on the lookout for pretty things. We are prepared to supply the wants of everybody from a stock that has been carefully selected for the occasion. The large patronage that we are receiving daily from the large crowds of buyers that enter our store is an indication that our goods and prices are a fetching card.

We are leaders in our line. Our large purchases always for cash give us an advantage over all others, enabling us to sell to you as cheap as our competitors can buy.

Go Through Our Cloak Room

And see the pretty Coats and Capes we have to offer you at enticing prices. We have a large selection and you are sure to find the garment you are looking for, less in price than you would expect to pay.

Damask Table Linens From 20c per Yard Up.

Napkins, Doylies and Hemstitched Table Sets. Ladies' and gents' fur-top gloves, kid gloves in all leading shades and colors; **LAWN, LINEN AND SILK HANDKERCHIEFS** with and without initials, and silk umbrellas. These are items everybody will be looking for and are only a few of the many pretty things we have to offer.

J. GAUGHAN No. 27 N. Main St.

"KRIS KRINGLE'S" TOY TEMPLE.

Our vast assortment of New and Novel Toys would surprise even old "KRIS" himself.

LOOK!	READ!	REFLECT!
Express Wagons, Wheelbarrows, Tables, Chairs, Doll Beds and Cradles.	Kid Dolls, Jointed Dolls, Sleeping Dolls, Dressed Dolls, Dolls of all kinds, at all prices!	Silk Japanese, Gold Embroidered Piano Covers, Lambrequins, Throws, Table Covers.

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No. 9 West Centre Street.

The OLD RELIABLE Dry Goods and Carpet Store,
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Latest Styles and Materials in Ladies', Misses' and Children's

COATS and CAPES

All New Novelities in Dress Goods.
Elegant line of Blankets and Comforts, at prices unheard of before.

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COFFEE AND TEA



Man, supplied with reasoning and discerning powers, may improve his condition by the exercise of these faculties. This can be applied with very good effect in the purchase of Coffees and Teas. A good cup of Coffee depends not only on the making—but the brand of Coffee, the grade, the roasting and preparation are very important factors. We feel confident that we can meet all those requirements. A delicious cup of Coffee is a certainty if you use

Our Fancy Java, or our Fancy Blended Coffee.

In regard to Tea, we occupy a front rank, all our Teas being very carefully selected by competent judges, and a trial order will convince you that we can please the most fastidious customers. We offer nothing but good grades that are noted for quality, color and flavor, and they are sold at popular prices

At KEITER'S.

MRS. HOWELLS ACQUITTED.

The Jury Declares She Did Not Murder Libbie Knapp.

THE VERDICT LOUDLY CHEERED!

The Prisoner Heard the Words That Gave Her Liberty With Modest Dignity. The Remarkable Poisoning Mystery Now Deeper Than Ever.

WELLSBORO, Pa., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Charlotte Howell was acquitted of the charge of murder in poisoning Libbie Knapp last night. The verdict of the jury was greeted with uproarious applause in the court room. Mrs. Howell remained calm until her relatives stepped up to congratulate her. Then her eyes filled with tears for a moment, but she dashed them away and was herself again. The Messrs. Dutton, of New York, her two brothers, her sister and a few other friends clustered about her as she rose from her chair a free woman. She quietly accepted the hands offered, and when two or three of the jurors approached to be presented to her she met them in a dignified and modest manner, and with no demonstration of emotion.

For the first time in four months she ate her supper outside of the jail walls last night. Major Merrick, one of her counsel, took her and her family to his home for tea, and they remained there until today, when they went back to Tioga.

Jerome B. Niles occupied the entire morning session in a forcible presentation of the commonwealth's side of the case. He was followed by Judge Mitchell, who consumed nearly two hours and a half in his charge to the jury. This was considered by members of the bar a fair and impartial statement of the case. He explained the law of murder, and presented all the points in the case, some of which have been new and peculiar. He dwelt upon the fact that the evidence had been wholly circumstantial, and instructed the jury that unless they could satisfy their minds beyond a reasonable doubt that Mrs. Howell had committed the crime, and no one else, it would clearly be their duty to acquit her.

The case was given to the jury at 5 o'clock, and exactly an hour later they had reached their verdict. Many of the jurors are elderly men, and they showed the strain of the twenty days' confinement. They appeared to be relieved and well satisfied with their work.

The Howell case was one of the strangest in the criminal annals of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Howell, who is the wife of Chauncey Howell, of Tioga, is a member of a well-known New York family, and her two brothers, Dutton by name, are among the wealthiest merchants of that city. She was estranged from them from the time of her marriage until the charge of murder was preferred against her, when they came to her assistance. The Howells and Knapps were neighbors, and a warm intimacy existed between Mrs. Howell and Libbie, who was 19 years old. Libbie had a love affair, which ended in a parting, and thereafter she began to receive letters which would be found tied to the door-knob, thrust in a broken window pane or thrown in the doorway. Most of them, it was alleged, were found by Mrs. Howell.

Last May Libbie was taken suddenly ill, and Mrs. Howell took her to her own home to attend her. On May 17 she died, and subsequently evidence of poisoning was found. Mrs. Howell was soon afterwards arrested. The letters, which were both obscene and threatening in character, were all printed in Roman letters with a lead pencil. It was the commonwealth's purpose to prove that the prisoner had poisoned the girl because of jealousy.

The trial began three weeks ago, and on the fourth day Mrs. Howell was put on the stand in her own behalf. She created a sensation by declaring that she had offered money and promised acquittal if she would make a confession. This proposition was alleged to have been made by detectives before the formal charge was made against her. It was denied by those implicated.

One of the witnesses for the prosecution was William Rightmire, the discarded lover of Libbie Knapp, upon whom counsel for the defense attempted to fasten suspicion. The medical testimony proved that the girl had been killed by arsenic, but it was all along the impression that no motive for committing the crime had been fixed on Mrs. Howell. It was also shown that others beside herself had found the letters, and there was much testimony of an inferential character directed towards Rightmire as their author. There was nothing adduced to show that the relations of the two women had ever been anything but warm and friendly.

There is general satisfaction over the result of the trial, but the case remains shrouded in mystery. There is no question of the fact that the girl was murdered, but nothing positive has been brought out to fasten the crime upon any one.

The assortment of X-mas presents is at Brumm's.

Columbia Beer
gives good taste to all who partake of it and betrays nobody. Why not use a good beer made of highest and best products known to the brewer, instead of using other brews made of inferior products. Columbia is the purest and best.

The best 50 cent Jersey glove at MAX LEVIT'S, 15 East Centre street.

A New Organization.
A new organization to be known as the Mask and Wig Club was organized last evening at the home of Miss Jennie Beddall, on South Jardin street, with the following officers: President, Guy C. Keiper; vice-president, Richard D. Ogden; secretary, Miss Lottie Burkhardt; and treasurer, Edward W. Shoemaker. The club has a membership of 24, and will shortly begin the rehearsal of a play, which they will present to the public during the winter.

On a New Felling.
We are now in the field with a complete line of New Fall Shoes. At Womer's, the place to buy, to secure best shoe values. If

PHILADELPHIA'S INVESTIGATION.

Evidence Showing the Activity of Police in Politics.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—Yesterday's session of the senate investigating committee was devoted entirely to the inquiry into the abuses that have crept into the police bureau. A number of witnesses were examined, showing the active part the police take in politics. The larger part of the session was spent in showing that frequently policemen are discharged from the force for trivial reasons, while in other instances, men guilty of serious offenses are retained on payment of a small fine. In this respect a local ex-policeman said he was discharged because he left his beat for three minutes to get some medicine. Miss Leslie Nixon told the committee she had been betrayed by Policeman Baker, of the Third district, and after telling her story before the police court said that that body simply fined Baker \$25, and he is still on the force.

Sarah Dougherty, of 618 Sears street, testified that her son, 25 years old, was arrested by Patrolman Le Coux a year ago last May for disorderly conduct. He tore the policeman's coat. She offered to pay for it if he would not arrest her son. She offered the patrolman \$11, but he wanted \$25. She raised the amount by borrowing; it was paid to Le Coux and the case was dropped. The damage to the coat was a ripped seam, the witness said. The officer wore the coat all this season. It was not much hurt. The patrolman, she said, was still on the force.

Charles Deputy, 628 Sears street, said that Mrs. Dougherty called on him about the matter, and he told her to fix it up with Le Coux. He handed her \$5 to make up the amount, and the man who was with Dougherty also paid Le Coux \$2.50 to get out of jail. Magistrate Kane, he said, got \$1.50 out of the deal. The money was paid Le Coux through Deputy, according to his own statement.

The witness said the officers in the Twenty-fifth district frequently interfered with the election officers on delegate elections. Le Coux was allowed, so the witness said, by Sergeant Nicholas to leave the station and canvass in the district. Patrolman Riley, he said, left his beat and in full uniform was around the polls electioneering.

At Breen's Bialto Cafe.
Delicious mock turtle soup, free to tickle the palates of our patrons to-night.

Buy the Christmas present at Brumm's. It requires more room.

The hat and cap and paper box business of the Shenandoah Manufacturing Company is increasing to such an extent that its large factory is becoming too small. It is probable that in the spring a large addition will be built. For the present the company is making alterations to turn the entire first floor of the factory over to the manufacture of boxes and the hat and cap departments will be restricted to the upper stories. The company is kept very busy filling orders in both lines.

For your fire dress kid gloves, MAX LEVIT'S, 15 East Centre street.

Fire Boss Burned.
Lawrence Murphy, of Last Creek, was badly burned about the hands and face yesterday afternoon by an explosion of gas at Packer No. 2 colliery. He was employed as fire boss at the place and at the time the explosion occurred was making his usual rounds. His injuries are not considered dangerous. He was taken to the Miners' hospital.

Come and Partake of It.
The free lunch at the Kendrick House cafe to-night will be of an extraordinary nature. Lovers of fine free lunches who know how to appreciate them, should pay this cafe a visit and partake of an excellent dish of potato salad and oysters' liver. The eating bar is supplied with all the delicacies of the season. Chicken and oysters in all styles.

"Y" Program.
The following is the program to be rendered at the meeting of the "Y" this evening: Singing, "Y" scripture reading, Miss Maggie Davis; reading, Miss Price; "News of a week," Miss Williams; comic reading, Mr. Bashore; declamation, Miss Jennie Hughes; instrumental solo, George Roxie; reading, Miss Brooks; question box.

Saving Fund Notice.
To the Stockholders of The Miners', Mechanics' and Laborers' Building and Loan Association: During this month there will be but one Stockholders' meeting, at which dues will be accepted, viz: Wednesday evening, December 18th.

DAVID MORGAN, Pres't.
JOS. P. KNAPP, Sec'y.

Had He Relatives?
William Wagner, aged 88 years, died in the Berks County Almshouse Thursday night. He was a former resident of Schuylkill county and was a widower when he entered the asylum in 1887. If there are any relatives the officials of the institution would like to communicate with them at once.

Let the Winds Blow.
Councilman Kerns has retired to his chateau at Turkey Run for the winter and the blasts can have no terrors for him. He killed a home raised hog weighing 410 pounds yesterday.

Special for To-day.
To every purchaser of one pound box of Grand Union Baking Powder to-day a beautiful child's set, consisting of a knife, fork and spoon, or an interesting story book entitled "Pleasant Hours" will be presented free. At the GRAND UNION TEA STORE, 28 South Main street, Shenandoah, Pa.

Advertised Remains.
The following letters remain uncalled for at the local post office: G. W. Canby, O. M. Deuger, Miss Fox, W. T. Girvin, J. T. Gardner, Jacob Kirshner, Frank S. Loeb, D. L. Morgan, Prof. George Moore, John Smith, Zoungs Mfg. Co., (2.)

Powder Mill Explosion.
The stock building of H. A. Weldy & Co.'s powder mill blew up yesterday, wrecking the entire building. It is located at Tanawqua, and the loss is estimated at \$1,000.

Special inducements in sweaters at MAX LEVIT'S, 15 East Centre street.

THE LOCAL POLITICAL FIELD

Actively Appears to be on One Side at Present.

THE DEMOCRATS ARE MOVING!

But the Citizens' Party is More Disposed to Weigh Matters Before Making a Start—Ward Assessors Are Making the Registration.

The Spring election campaign is showing in assuming shape. Still, sufficient interest is manifested to warrant the presumption that it will be opened earlier than usual, and when signs of activity make themselves apparent many representative citizens of the respective wards will come forward as candidates for School Board and Councilmanic nominations. There have been no new names added to the list of expected candidates since the publication made by the HERALD a few days ago, with the exception of that of Thomas J. Broughall, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for School Director in the Fourth ward. Mr. Broughall has made no declaration in regard to the matter and it cannot, therefore, be said that he is a candidate. It would seem from recent discussions that the Fourth ward will be the chief battle ground in the campaign, although many prominent and well-picked members of the Citizens party say that it will only be a question of majority in that ward.

One thing is quite certain, the party cannot, with safety, rest upon its arms in any stage. The Democrats are already on the move, in fact have been on the move almost since the fall election, and some of them are so well satisfied with what has already been arranged and planned that they are actually counting upon victories in the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth wards, and intimate that they have a fighting chance in the Third. Too many such pretensions will appear ludicrous, but there is no telling what may happen with united and harmonious organization on the Democratic side of the house and a lack of preparation on the part of the Citizens.

The results of last fall's election in this borough seems to have convinced the Democrats that their only hope of success lies in the quantity of that kind of wariness which helps to fill the pockets of the impetuous, and if he could win in the Spring election the Democrats will make some surprising captures.

On the Citizens' side of the field the only movements thus far discernible are in the Standing Committee and the Shenandoah Republican League, and in the latter they are thus far rather weak. The proper enthusiasm has not manifested itself yet, but it is thought that the election of officers to be held next Friday evening will improve the condition of affairs and give more encouragement to those who seem to have the best understanding of the true situation.

It is timely to remark here that the ward assessors are busy making up their registers for the Spring election and that Friday, the 20th inst., will be the last day for registration. This is important and should be kept in mind, as each voter should be registered.

Watson House Free Lunch.
Excellent fine hot lunch to-night.

Mr. Hartman's Birthday.
Steward W. B. Hartman, of the County Almshouse, celebrated his 41st anniversary last evening, and in honor of the event entertained a large number of his friends at the county farm. During the evening Mr. Hartman was presented with a handsome silver ice pitcher as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the employees of that institution. The evening was spent very pleasantly, and songs, music, recitations and speeches were participated in by those present, and among the number we find Poor Director Derr, Timothy Miles, William Brennan, F. E. Maxergle, Christian Schmidt and D. R. Lewis, of town.

Our latest style soft hat, which is a dandy, has just been received. At MAX LEVIT'S, 15 East Centre street.

What Is Your Money Worth?
To answer that question depends upon where you go to find it out. We candidly believe that we can give you more for your money in the way of jewelry than you can get anywhere else for the holidays. A large and complete stock at Males's, 10 North Main street.

Sell well, wear well, run well, watches at Brumm's.

St. Carmel's Mandolin Club.
The St. Carmel Mandolin club will visit town this evening and render a number of their choice selections at the regular meeting of the "Y" in the Beddall building. These musicians are under the tutorage of Prof. E. W. Wilde, of town, and their playing is said to be of a high order. This is their second appearance here, and those who heard them speak in glowing terms of their playing. A treat is in store for those who attend the "Y" meeting this evening.

To anybody who knows the value of money, our low prices appeal most strongly. Then try the

FACTORY SHOE STORE.
Men's and Boy's Crush hats, MAX LEVIT'S.

Executions Issued.
The county has had executions issued against John Ugal and Leo Long for \$900 and against Benada Potomac and George Stockdale for \$1,500. These executions were issued for the purpose of collecting the amounts of bail pieces, the parties named having gone bail for others who were charged with criminal offenses, but who disappeared before their cases came before court.

Knocked Insensible.
The man who saw how cheap he could buy his shoes at the Factory Shoe Store, Beddall Building.

Held for Assault.
William Mulhall was arrested by Chief of Police Tush this afternoon on a charge of assaulting his wife and was put under bail for trial at court by Justice Dengler.

Buy one of our perfectly fitting hats, MAX LEVIT'S, 15 East Centre street.

THE BUSY STORE

116 and 118 North Main Street.

Christmas

—1895—

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN!
It is old and everybody knows it, that our store has been continually on the "Upward" course.

GOOD REASON FOR THAT.
Because our prices have always been "Down," away down below competition. We again give you good proof of that if you call and examine our Christmas stock.

Christmas Fancy Work.

We have on hand a large number of Remnants in Satin, Surahs and China Silks. Short pieces is exactly what you want, reduced to **37c**

Ladies' Sateen Skirts.
Lined through with out-
ing flannel plain ruffle **\$1.00**

With Mohair braid and pocket **\$1.49**

With Mohair ruffle **\$1.75**
A Useful Christmas Present.

Ladies' Garters.
Different styles and all shades, a handsome present **24c**

With large Rosettes of Baby ribbon all with clasps **49c**

Pin Cushions.
All our own make, pink, yellow light blue, Nile green, red. Will suit most any lady. Will clearly please as a gift. \$1.35, \$1.50 and \$1.75. We have also a large variety of Toilet Bottles with ribbon to match Cushion.

Ladies' White Aprons.
With stripes, with hems or embroidery **25c**

Bureau Covers.
The very latest. All open work. It will do you good to see the assortment.

Flour Cans.
Large Japaned with lettering **33c**

Bread Cans.
Square, well made, different sizes.

Cake Cans.
Round with hinged lid, also different sizes.

CHINA CUPS and SAUCERS.
A Large Variety!

DOLLS.
Still they go, and large consignments are expected. With or without movable eyes. Muslin, Kid Body or Dressed.

MAX SCHMIDT.

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of Holderman's Jewelry Store and windows are unsurpassed in Eastern Pennsylvania.

CALL AND SEE US.

HAVE YOUR SELECTIONS LAID ASIDE.

Prices Low.

A. HOLDERMAN,

MAIN and LLOYD STREETS.

You All Want . . . Fresh Eggs.

We sell no pickled or ice house eggs.

When we have them they are fresh.

We have some now.

Graf's,

122 North Jardin St., Shenandoah.